HIPAA Organizations

What are DSMOs and WEDI/SNIP (and why do I care)?

WEDI

- **Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange**
  - Established in 1991 from a voluntary, public/private task force created to streamline health care administration by standardizing electronic communications across the health care industry.

  - Current task is to convene Policy Advisory Group Forums to advise DHHS/CMS on pending health care regulations

  - Sponsor the Strategic National Implementation Process to track the HIPAA implementation nation-wide. SNIP's task is to monitor industry issues that prove challenging to HIPAA implementation.

WEDI/SNIP

Strategic National Implementation Process

* **S**trategic
  National
  Implementation
  Process
  * Vision
    * SNIP is a collaborative healthcare industry-wide process resulting in the implementation of standards and furthering the development and implementation of future standards.

WEDI/SNIP

Mission

To meet the immediate need to assess industry-wide HIPAA AS implementation readiness and to bring about the national coordination necessary for successful compliance.

- SNIP is a **forum** for coordinating the necessary dialog among industry implementers of the HIPAA standards.
- SNIP will **identify industry "best practices"** for implementation of HIPAA standards.
- SNIP will **identify coordination issues** leading toward their resolution as industry adopted "best practices."
- SNIP will **adopt a process** that includes an outreach to current industry initiatives, an information gap analysis, and recommendations on additional initiatives to gap-fill.

WEDI/SNIP

Purpose

- Promote general healthcare industry readiness to implement the HIPAA standards.
- Identify education and general awareness opportunities for the healthcare industry to utilize.
- Recommend an implementation time frame for each component of HIPAA for each stakeholder [Health Plan, Provider, Clearinghouse, Vendor] and identify the best migration paths for trading partners.
- Establish opportunities for collaboration, compile industry input, and document the industry "best practices."
- Identify resolution or next steps where there are interpretation issues or ambiguities within HIPAA Administrative Simplification standards and rules.
- Serve as a resource for the healthcare industry when resolving issues arising from HIPAA implementation.

WEDI/SNIP

- ☀ How?
  - ❇ Three Areas of Concentration
    - ❇ Education and Awareness
      - ● **Regional SNIP Affiliates**
    - ❇ Transactions, Code Sets, and Identifiers
    - ❇ Security and Privacy
  - ❇ Resources
    - ❇ White Papers
    - ❇ Listserv discussion groups
    - ❇ Phone conferences

Regional SNIP Affiliates (RSAs)

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- HCIM
  - Health Care Interchange of Michigan,
- IHWG
  - Indiana HIPAA Workgroup
- NM-CHILI
  - New Mexico Coalition for Healthcare Information Leadership Initiatives
- CHITA
  - Community Health Information Technology Alliance of Washington State (WA, OR, WY, MT)
- MAHI
  - Mid-Atlantic Health Initiative
- HIPAA COW
  - HIPAA Coalition of Wisconsin

- NHVSHIP
  - New Hampshire-Vermont Strategic HIPAA Implementation Plan,
- NJSHORE
  - New Jersey Strategic HIPAA Organization & Regional Effort
- OHIO
  - Ohio HIPAA Implementation Organization
- ePA
  - ePennsylvania Alliance
- Puerto Rico & US Virgin Islands HICA
  - Puerto Rico & US VI Health Information Communication Alliance
- NCHICA
  - North Carolina Health Information and Communication Alliance
- UHIN
  - Utah Health Information Network

Regional SNIP Affiliates (RSAs)

- SHARP
  - Southern HIPAA Administrative Regional Process
- Mississippi
  - Mississippi's HIPAA Workgroup
- ID
  - Idaho HIPAA Coordinating Council
- IN
  - Indiana HIPAA Workgroup
- IA
  - Iowa HIPAA SNIP
- HAWK
  - HIPAA Action Workgroup for Kentucky
- MHDC
  - Massachusetts Health Data Consortium
- NESNIP
  - Nebraska SNIP

- NEHW
  - New England HIPAA Workgroup
  - (MA,RI,ME,NH,VT,CT)
- NDHC
  - North Dakota HIPAA Coalition
- ME
  - Maine Chapter of HFMA HIPAA Transactions & Code Sets Standards Task Force
- MOSNIP
  - Missouri SNIP
- NDHC
  - North Dakota HIPAA Coalition
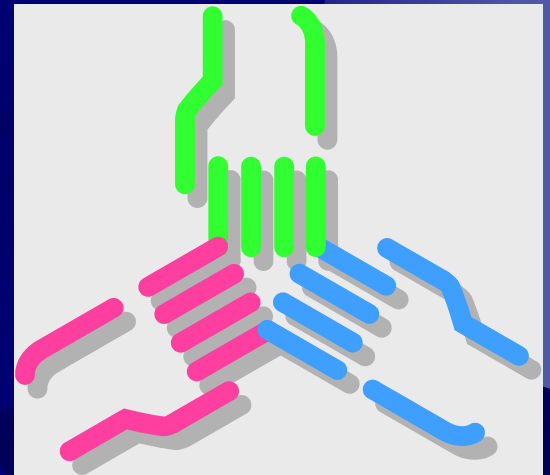- CoSNIP
  - Colorado SNIP

WEDI/SNIP

- Where?
  - http://snip.wedi.org
- Who?
  - Kristin Becker, Director of SNIP
    - kbecker@wedi.org
  - AnnMarie Railing, RSA Liaison

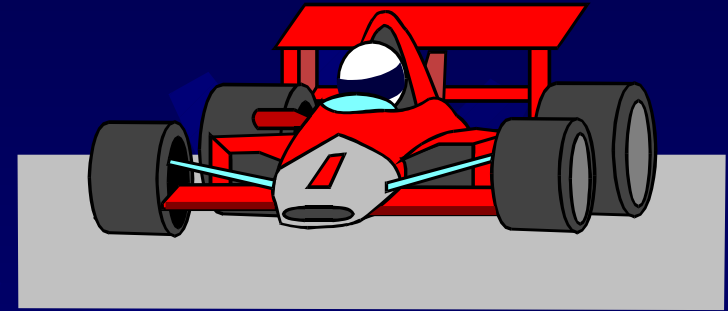# National Medicaid EDI HIPAA Workgroup (NMEH)

or

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me?"

The Need: Medicaid and Standards

* Medicaid Program Is Much Broader Than Other Health Insurance Plans
* Federal Agency (HCFA) Encouraged Creative Solutions to Meeting Unique Programmatic Needs
* Medicaid Agencies Not Inclined to Standardize Because of Their "Unorthodox" Data Requirements (Except Pharmacy)
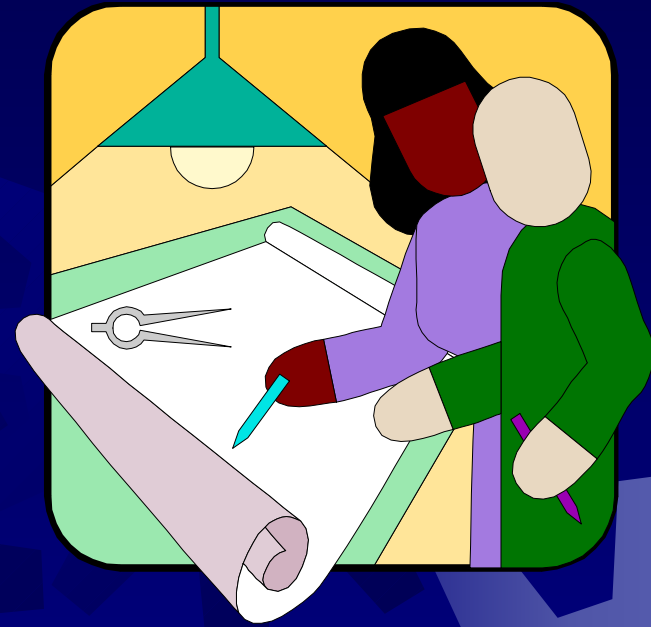* States Thought HIPAA Would Never Happen!

NMEH is:

* State, Vendor and CMS Collaboration
* Trust
* Mentoring
* A Listserv of 750 + members
* A biweekly conference call
* Participation by all Medicaid Agencies
* Highly respected by the health standards industry today
* Sponsored by NASMD

NMEH does:
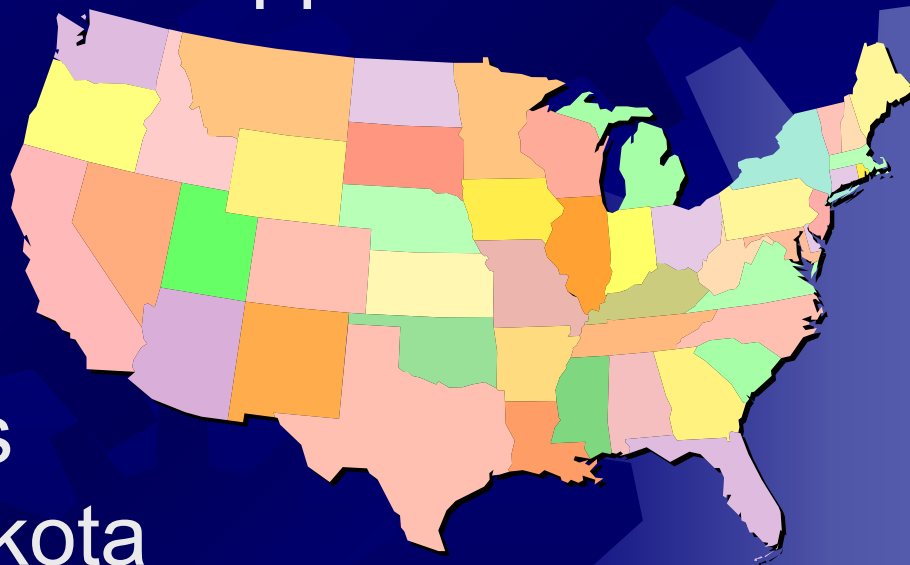
* Represent NASMD in Standards Development Process
* Convene Medicaid Caucus X12 and HL7
* Develop, Review and Comment on HIPAA change requests for all states
* Advise CMS on Medicaid HIPAA Issues
* Provide Medicaid speakers on HIPAA
* Convene **Sub-Workgroups**

NMEH Sub-Workgroups

NMEH Chairs come from across the country:

* Claims Attachment – Mississippi & California

* Dental - California

* Eligibility - Ohio

* Explanation of Benefits - Kansas, North Dakota

* Provider Taxonomy – Wisconsin, West Va.

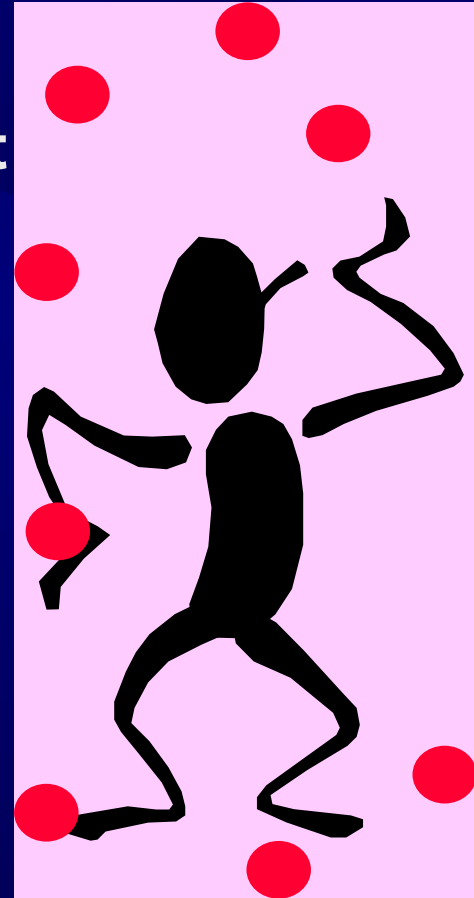# NMEH Sub-Workgroups (continued)

* Prior Authorization – North Carolina
* HIPAA Integration & Transition (HIT) – California, Alaska
* Security/Privacy – Maryland, Louisiana
* Third Party Liability/COB – Minnesota, New York
* DSMO Request Review- Montana, Maine
* Local Codes – California, New York, Maryland
* Durable Medical Equipment - Minnesota
* Bundling School-Based Services - Utah

NMEH Works!
Local Codes Subworkgroup

- ☀ **5/00 - New York Volunteered to Collect Local Codes From All States**

- ☀ **8/00 - California Volunteered to Chair Effort to Consolidate Codes**

- ☀ **9/00 - Meeting in Sacramento, Template of Categories Created**

- ☀ **10/00 - 49 States Submitted Templates Containing approx 30,000 Codes**

- ☀ **11/00 - 20 States met in Baltimore to parse codes into 37 categories**
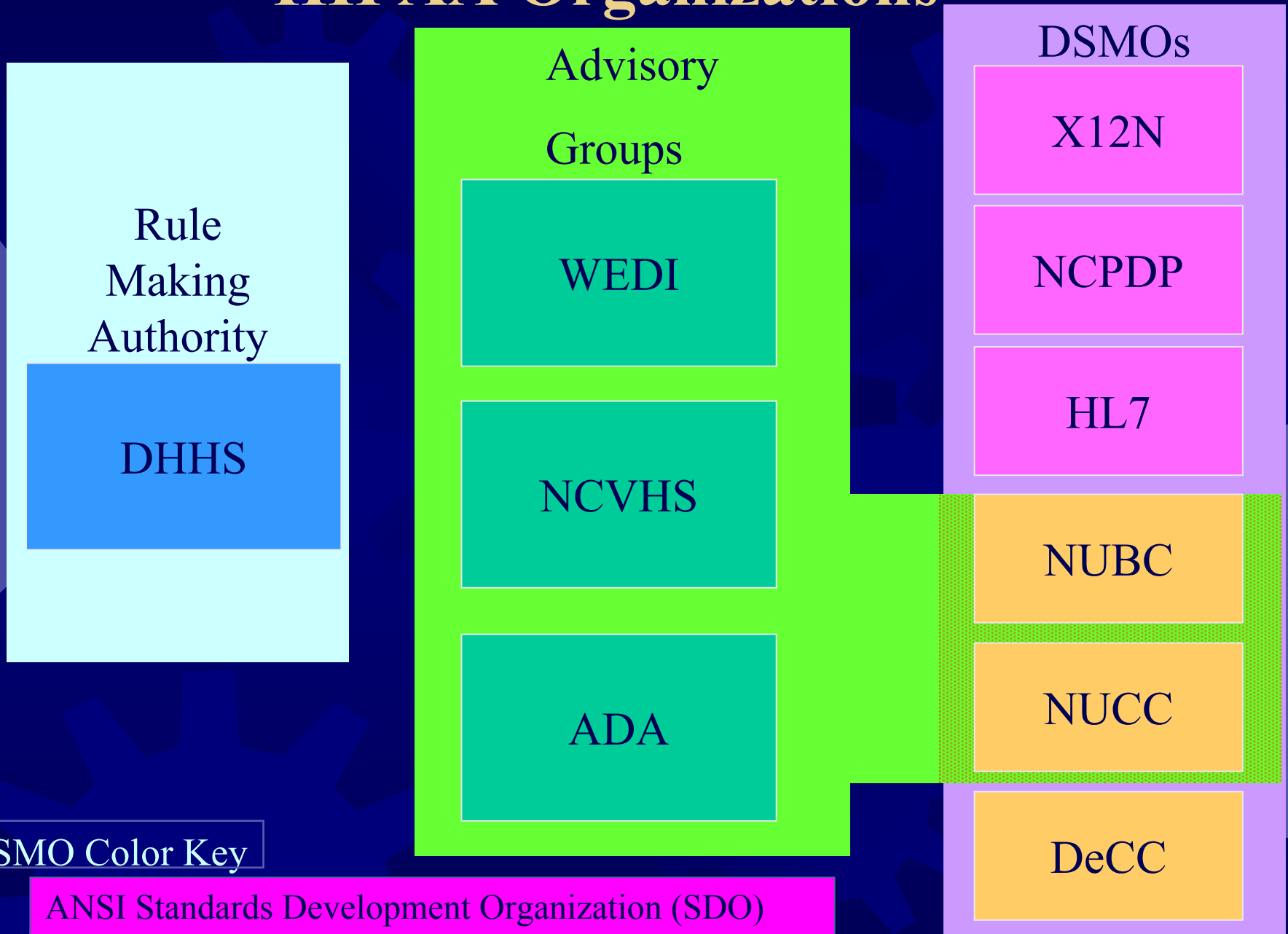
Local Code Activities
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- **01/01 - Received special Medicaid modification to HCPCS CODE COMMITTEE 'S process for New Code Evaluation**

- **01/01 - First group generated code requests submitted to HCPCS CODE COMMITTEE**

- **02/03 most categories complete; Behavioral Health and Waiver categories still in process**

- **- over 67 codes approved to date**
    - + over 28 Modifiers + mods to existing codes

NMEH is a Success Story

* No one state can do it all. Each state benefits from the work of every sub-group even though every state is not able to participate in every sub-group.

* Collectively, states have a powerful voice in the decisions of National Standard Setting Organizations.

* By posing questions to NMEH members, states get quick answers that would take them weeks to figure out themselves.

HIPAA Organizations

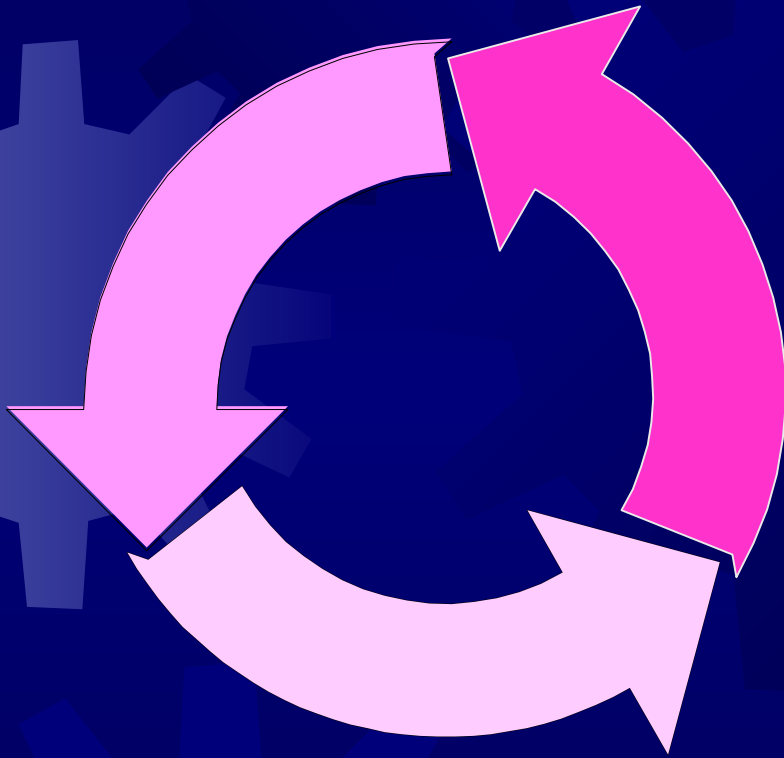**Rule Making Authority**

- DHHS

Advisory Groups

- WEDI
- NCVHS
- ADA

DSMOs

- X12N
- NCPDP
- HL7
- NUBC
- NUCC
- DeCC

DSMO Color Key

ANSI Standards Development Organization (SDO)

Data Content Committee (DCC)

DSMO Organizations

ANSI Organizations	Data Content Committees
Open Membership	Invited Membership
Dues Required	No Dues Required
300-600 Members	20-30 Members

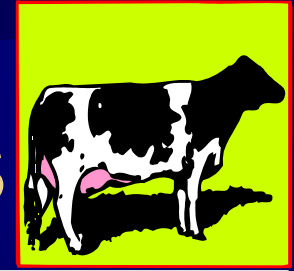# DSMO = Designated Standards Maintenance Organizations
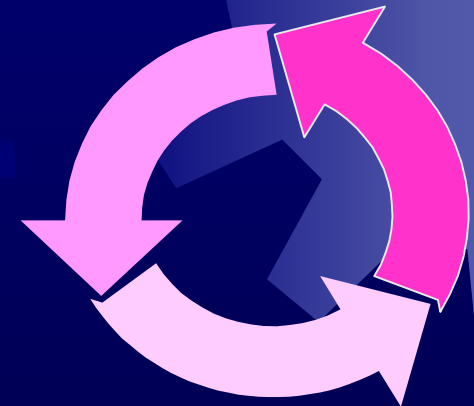
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Revolutionary

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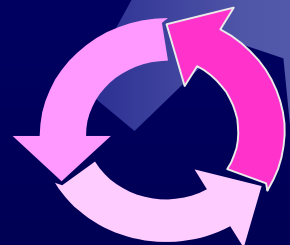
DSMO
MOU Guiding Principals

- Public Access – Single Point of Entry
  http://www.hipaa-dsmo.org/
- Timely Review of Change Requests
- Cooperation and Communications
- Consider All Viewpoints
- Evaluate Impact of Change Requests
- Maintain a National Perspective
- Conform to Legislation

Change Request Coordination

- ☀ DSMOs review requests for changes to standards

- ☀ Annually forward to NCVHS

- ☀ NCVHS holds hearings, and provides recommendations to DHHS

- ☀ DHHS conducts Federal Rulemaking Process
  - ☀ **Include a compliance date for changes to standards**
  - ☀ **Cannot be less than 180 days**

Important Web Resources

* http://snip.wedi.org
  * SNIP Web Site for finding Regional Efforts Groups, white papers, and other helpful sources

* http://cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/hipaa/adminsim/
  * Medicaid specific white papers, news, NMEH info

* www.hipaa-dsmo.org
  * DSMO Web Site for submitting change requests

* www.cms.hhs.gov
  * CMS HIPAA information and educational materials

* www.mhccm.org
  * Medicaid HIPAA Compliant Concept Model; Business Model and toolkit